

1 **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

2 1. A portable stamp comprising:

3 a housing (10) having a hollow body with a U-like tongue (11) formed at
4 an open end of the housing (10), an elongated slot (12) defined through an upper
5 side of the housing, a first hole (13) and a second hole (14), both of which have a
6 diameter that is larger than a width of the elongated slot (12), the first hole (13)
7 and second (14) respectively defined at two ends of the elongated slot, and a
8 notch (15) defined between two opposite sides of the tongue (11);

9 a handle (20) having a sliding block (21) movably mounted in the
10 housing (10), a bar (22) extending from the sliding block (21) and adjacent to the
11 upper side of the housing (10), a seat (23) formed beneath the bar (22) and
12 shorter than the bar (22), a space (24) defined between the bar (22) and seat (23),
13 a positioning opening (25) defined at a top side of the sliding block, and a lateral
14 opening (26) defined at a side perpendicular to the top side and in
15 communication with the positioning opening (25);

16 a character unit (30) pivotally mounted at a distal end of the bar (22) by a
17 first pivot pin (32), the character unit (30) having a first torsion spring (33)
18 provided outside the first pivot pin (32), and a character plate (31) formed at a
19 front surface of the character unit (30) opposite to the first pivot pin (32);

20 an ink pad (40) pivotally mounted at the seat (23) by a second pivot pin
21 (42), the ink pad (40) having a second torsion spring (43) provided outside the
22 second pivot pin (42), an ink sponge (41) received in the ink pad (40) and facing
23 the character unit (30) and abutting the character plate (31); and

24 a control unit (50) having a button (51) inserted in the positioning

1 opening (25) and extending out from the elongated slot (12), and a resilient
2 member (52) received in the lateral opening (26) and pressed against the button
3 (51), wherein the button (51) has a lug (511) formed at a top of the button (51), a
4 neck (513), with a diameter substantially equal to the width of the elongated slot
5 (12), formed beneath the lug (511) and movable along the elongated slot (12),
6 and a stem (514), with a diameter substantially equal to the diameter of either the
7 first or second hole (13, 14), the stem (514) formed beneath the neck (513).

8 2. The portable stamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the button (51)
9 further has two legs (515) formed beneath the stem (514), a gap (516) defined
10 between the two legs (515), and two stops (517) respectively formed at outer
11 sides of the legs (414) and attached to a bottom edge of the positioning opening
12 (25) for fastening the button (51) in the positioning opening (25), and the
13 resilient member (52) is pressed beneath the legs (515).

14 3. The portable stamp as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control unit (50)
15 further has a clip (512) formed between the lug (511) and the neck (513).

16 4. The portable stamp as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a cover
17 (60) detachably mounted on the tongue (11) of the housing (10) to receive the
18 character unit (30), and the ink pad (40).

19 5. The portable stamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing (10)
20 further has a dovetail slot (16) defined at an upper wall of the housing (10), and
21 the bar (22) is formed with a dovetail cross section corresponding to the dovetail
22 slot (16).

23 6. The portable stamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ink pad (40')
24 has a box (44) detachably mounted on the seat (23) by a connector (45), the ink

1 sponge (42) is received in the box (44), and a lid (46) detachably mounted on the
2 box (44) for covering the ink sponge (42).

3 7. The portable stamp as claimed in claim 6, wherein the connector (45)
4 is mounted on the second pivot pin (42) and has a passage (451) defined in the
5 connector (45), and the box (44) has a finger (441) formed at a top side of the box
6 (44) and inserted in the passage (451).